



Altar shaped as a boat

A BRAND new altar has been created for St Andrew's Church in Hayling Island - in the shape of a boat.

It was created by local boat-builders to match the existing font, and was formally dedicated on by the Bishop of Southampton. The idea came from the congregation, who thought a boat-shaped altar was appropriate for a coastal parish, and would also bring Biblical stories to life.

It was created by Derek Abra and his colleagues Alan Bailey and Brian Carey, for Little Ship Projects Ltd, based at Wilson's Boatyard near the church.



We remembered them

CHURCHES across our diocese marked the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day with poignant Remembrance Day services and events.

Denmead residents, councillors, uniformed groups and pupils processed through the village behind a piper before an Act of Remembrance on the village green. It included the planting of handcrafted poppies (picture above).

There was a piper playing outside Portsmouth Cathedral from 6am, as well as a service in Guildhall Square led by Bishop Christopher and his Roman Catholic counterpart Bishop Philip. Read about these events on www.portsmouth.anglican.org/WW1



School swap is helpful

SETH Afedzi, headteacher of Holy Spirit Anglican School in Ghana, recently paid a visit to Steep C of E Primary School.

He is from Fosu, one of the Anglican parishes in Ghana that we're linked to via IDWAL. He spent a week at Steep, sharing his experiences and hearing about life in an English school. He spent time in the classroom with children from Reception to Year 6, holding an assembly with Ghanaian prayers, and sitting in on a governors' meeting.



Lottery cash for repairs

ST Mary and St Rhadegund Church, Whitwell, has received a lottery grant of £199,000 to repair its roof, stonework and stained glass.

Supported through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the project aims to carry out essential conservation work, research and revise the guidebook and hold events to encourage people to visit and learn about the church. An educational programme is also planned and volunteers will be given training so they can help to guide visitors.